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For. **SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

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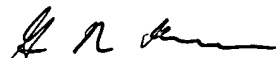
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A check is attached hereto which covers the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this Statement to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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